

## OWNERS WANT OVER A HALF MILLION

Government Can Not Get Mahuka Site Extension for the Money Voted.

MEANS DELAY OR NEW SITE

Canvass of Situation Shows the Government Must Either Condemn or Quit.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

There is not the slightest chance of an agreement between the property owners and the federal government, on the basis of an appropriation of \$350,000 for the Fort street additions to the Mahuka site. Inquiry among the owners of the property involved shows that they demand about \$150,000 more than the appropriation, and they are prepared to go to a jury in a condemnation suit and try to get it. The federal building project is therefore deadlocked for some time to come.

Some queer tax assessment records have come to light in the investigation of the valuations. The appropriation of \$350,000 is said to have been based largely on the records of the tax office, where, it appears, the values are considerably under \$350,000. A hundred thousand was added for leeway. But it is now found that the actual cash values, as claimed by the owners and to a large extent provable from records, are about half a million dollars.

In pursuance of the instructions cable to him, Collector Stackable is making inquiries of the property owners. But it is perfectly evident that there can be no agreement on prices as long as the government is bound by a limit of \$350,000. This means either a series of condemnation suits, to allow juries to fix the price to be paid by the government, or an abandonment of the enlarged Mahuka site plan.

### May Mean New Site.

It may further mean an abandonment of the Mahuka site altogether, and a choice of the Irwin site or some other site. The Mahuka site, at the present stage of the game, is not obtainable, unless the government is willing to accept the original Mahuka site, without additions. As the departmental officials in Washington appear to be all opposed to this, the prospect is good for a long fight.

The only way out would be an increase of the appropriation from \$350,000 to about \$500,000, but the way to secure such an increase is said to be difficult because of the understanding given to the congressional committee on public buildings, that \$350,000 was enough. This proposition, again, harks back to the tax office returns. Delegate Kuhio did a fine piece of work, as he thought, and he certainly showed much that he possessed strong influence, when he got the \$350,000 appropriation. He thought it was enough. His reasons for thinking so are to be found in the tax office. Kuhio got a hundred thousand more than the tax office indicated to be the value of the property, which is admittedly "going some."

### Increased Values.

The principal parties interested are the Austin estate, the Cummins estate, Castle & Cooke, E. O. Hall & Son and the Hawaiian Trust Company. The Fort street land from King street down to about the middle of the block is owned by the Austin estate, and the E. O. Hall & Son building on it is owned by E. O. Hall & Son. They occupy the land under a very old lease, at a rental made so long ago that today, in view of the increased values, it is merely nominal. It has nine years to run yet and the company figures that \$10,000 a year would be a low rental for the corner. This makes the lease worth \$90,000. The building cost \$75,000. Basing an estimate on the rental value, the lot is regarded as worth about \$125,000. This makes \$290,000 for the E. O. Hall corner alone.

### Elaborate Expenditures.

The corner into which Castle & Cooke are just moving sizes up at about \$150,000 more. This estimate also is practically a matter of record values—except tax office recorded values. It is said that the Cummins estate has had a cash offer of \$125,000 for the lot and building. Castle & Cooke have spent about \$20,000 on improvements, with a view to establishing permanent offices there.

Without giving figures, E. D. Tenney of Castle & Cooke yesterday stated that he had made the improvements on an elaborate scale, under the expectation that the firm's occupancy of the corner would be for many years, if not permanent. Negotiations had been on for some time for a purchase of the property already leased. "As I expected that these negotiations would result in our acquiring the property," said Mr. Tenney, "I went ahead with elaborate and expensive office improvements."

Mr. Tenney suggested a hundred and fifty thousand as about what the corner property would come to.

### Estimates Based on Value.

On the value of the intervening land and buildings an estimate of \$85,000 was made yesterday. It is stated that actual rents obtainable justify this valuation—no matter what the tax of-

## WOODS ALSO CONSTRUCTS DITCH

Still Another Kohala Irrigation Scheme Well Under Way.

The Kohala Midget publishes the following:

"What is known as the 'Woods ditch' will shortly be opened. Engineer James T. Taylor, who planned and is carrying out the project, was in Honolulu recently and was joined there by Frank Woods. Details of the opening program were shaped out."

"The 'Woods ditch' is a small affair compared to the monster enterprises in Hanalei, but is a big one of its kind as compared with such projects elsewhere. About three miles of the ditch proper has already been completed. The system will supply water to the Woods lands on Hawaii and to neighboring properties. It is claimed that some fine country will, by it, be brought under cultivation, and that land already in use will be made far more valuable."

The Woods ditch and the other big ditch, according to report, drain the same lands, and it is said that there may be some litigation over the water rights involved. Frank Woods' new ditch parallels the Kohala ditch to a considerable extent, and being above it, takes some of the water which would otherwise flow to the Kohala ditch. For some time there have been rumors of a contest between the two ditch companies.

## DISCARDS HIS CREPE TO BECOME A BRIDEGROOM

The period of mourning of Joseph J. Fern, mayor of Honolulu, for the death of his first wife came to an abrupt end three days ago, when the chief executive of the city took a second bride. While the sympathetic citizens have noted the absence of mourning badges on his honor's raiment recently, they naturally supposed that there has been a deep black band around his heart and that his better nature has been wrong with both hands by the jade sorrow. If this has been the case, Joe Fern stood just ninety-seven days of it before he called pau on the martyr business and reentered the holy bonds of matrimony.

The lady is, or was, Mrs. Emma Silva, who now becomes the stepmother of seventeen children.

Congratulations are in order. The wedding took place quite privately last Saturday, Bishop Gilbert performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the high contracting parties.

### HAWAII HOME RULERS.

HILO, August 9.—The Home Rulers of Kona have notified their brethren in Hilo that the slate of the party for this island will include the following candidates: For senator from Hilo, Ben Ah Leong; for senator from Kohala, John G. Lewis, the present deputy sheriff of that district; for supervisor from Kona, J. N. Kooman; for representative from Kohala, J. K. Kaehe; for representative from Kona, Julian Yates and Henry N. L. Kwehweh; and for representative from Kau, J. S. H. Martin.

For county offices the following candidates have been named: For sheriff, W. M. Keolani; for treasurer, Lalakea; for county clerk, Archibald Hapai; for county auditor, C. K. Maguire. The place for county attorney has been left blank.

See records say. The grand total is this brought to \$525,000, for property which congress has set aside \$350,000 to secure.

Mr. Tenney stated yesterday that he had not yet gone into the matter of making figures definitely for the Castle & Cooke interests, nor into the question of what Castle & Cooke would do if compelled to move out of the premises the firm has just fitted up. E. O. Hall & Son, if compelled to move, will probably build on the Bishop lot, at King and Bishop streets.

### Condemnation.

The treasury department's attitude is thought to indicate that there will be condemnation suits brought as soon as Washington discovers that there is no chance for an agreement as to prices. This will mean that the matter of the value of the property will have to be fixed by a jury. Despite the unlikely tax office records, the owners are prepared to offer most convincing evidence of half a million or so value, and they expect verdicts accordingly.

The next step necessary, provided the verdicts are secured and sustained, would be to secure a further appropriation from congress. All of which means much delay in starting work on a federal building for Honolulu.

According to one view of the matter expressed strongly yesterday, the deadlock is likely to result in a revival of the Irwin site deal. It is known that the officials in Washington who have to do with the matter are in favor of that site. They accepted the value of the property because the people of the island showed strong preference for it. But the complications which have now arisen put a new phase on the matter.

Already the fight has been begun in Washington. A number of cables have been exchanged, and a fight is being waged.

The holders of the Fort street side of the proposed enlarged Mahuka site will fight in a ditch, either to retain their property or get their prices for it.

## MUSIC HATH A NON-BEER CHARM

Atlantic City Quintet Stopped Bar Receipts—Hint for Temperance Men.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

"What was the reason for ordering the Hawaiian singers away from their place on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City?" was a question put to H. P. Wood, secretary of the promotion committee, by W. H. McInerney, at yesterday's meeting of the board, the first meeting which Mr. Wood has had a chance to attend since his return.

"It was interfering with the bar receipts of the hotel," was the reply. Secretary Wood explained that the Hawaiian singers attracted people away from their usual haunts to such an extent that the hotel bar suffered. The Hawaiian quarters are rented from the hotel, and consequently the hotel manager had authority to order the singing stopped, and he did so.

During the discussion which followed McInerney's question, and in answer to other questions Mr. Wood expressed the opinion that Hawaii would do just as well at Atlantic City without the singing. The returns had already shown that the cost of the quintet club was more than was lost by reason of the singing being given up. Mr. Wood said he would not advise any further efforts to send singers from here.

"If we should require the services of Hawaiian singers," he said, "there are plenty to be had in the summer months in New York or Philadelphia. There would not be the slightest difficulty in getting a Hawaiian quintet there."

Secretary Wood was strong in the opinion that the Atlantic City exhibit, also the plan being worked by Childs, would bring results. Hawaii is being well advertised at both places.

### Surf-Rider Poster.

Several designs for a poster for the next floral parade were shown to the committee. None of them looked very good. One by Mist, who designed last year's poster, looked like a party of negroes on a lay ride in a weirdly colored rig.

Secretary Woods thought this the best of the three, which spoke volumes for the qualities of the other two. The committee expressed no opinion, but McInerney offered a suggestion which may prevent flooding landscapes with any of the three atrocities.

The suggestion was that the famous figure of a surf-rider, which has been displayed here as an advertisement, be used as the central feature of a poster. The picture in question represents a native standing on a surf board and riding a wave. The members of the committee appeared to think that it would make a very striking poster, and it was decided that an investigation should be made of the chances of having a poster made here with the surf-rider as the main figure.

It was unanimously agreed that the poster should, if possible, be produced in Hawaii. The last one was made in Germany. Secretary Wood explained that at the time when it was contracted for it could not have been produced here. He thought that the work could now be done in Honolulu, and favored having it done here. Hoogs and McInerney both declared themselves for giving the work to a local firm if possible, even if at a higher cost.

### Auto Transportation.

President Bush asked regarding a report that the Inter-Island steamship company had raised rates on carrying autos to Hilo, making it \$40 per auto. Hoogs gave a gasp of astonishment and McInerney said the report should be looked into. It appeared on report from Assistant Secretary Cooper that there was no truth in the rumored advance. The rates, it was stated, are from \$8 to a maximum of \$30, according to the machine.

A letter was received from Manager Milne, of the Los Angeles Examiner excursion party, notifying the committee that he had decided to take his party to the Moana for luncheon, at \$1.50 per head. The letter stated that E. P. Irwin of the Hau Tree had raised rates to \$1.50 and Milne decided to take the Moana. Irwin had made a lower rate for a larger party than Milne is bringing, and refused to accommodate the smaller party at the figure made.

## HAWAIIAN AUTHORITY AND KAMAAINA DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

Samuel N. Emerson, one of the authorities on old-time Hawaiian speech and writings, died yesterday evening at the Queen's Hospital, where he was operated on some weeks ago for cancer. He was born in Wallula, Oreg., nearly seventy-five years ago and was one of the first white children to be born in the Islands. His father was the Rev. John S. Emerson, who came to Hawaii with the fifth company of missionaries in 1821.

The deceased was unmarried, his remaining relatives being his four brothers—Dr. N. B. Emerson, the police surgeon of Honolulu; Justin B. Emerson of Detroit; Joseph S. Emerson, who is now on his way back to Honolulu from the mainland, and the Rev. Olive P. Emerson of East Providence, Rhode Island. The remains will be cremated and the ashes kept until the return of the brother, Joseph S., when the urn will be interred and the funeral services held.

### JUDGE FOUND DEAD.

LEXINGTON, August 12.—United States District Judge Sawyer was found dead today in his lawn.

## SCIENTIST AT THE VOLCANO

Noted Investigator's Views as to the Cause of Lava Flows.

HILO, August 9.—That Professor Brigham, of the Bishop Museum, was absolutely right in his theory on the subject of volcanic activities, and that Dana, the famous geologist, was wrong when he attempted to refute the theory of the local scientist, was the conclusion reached by Dr. Albert Brun, Licentiate of the Sorbonne University, Doctor of Sciences of the University of Geneva, who, last week, spent some time at the volcano.

Doctor Brun has spent the past ten years in studying various volcanoes, it being his main object to disprove the generally accepted theory of Dana that steam is involved in the explosions of volcanoes. Doctor Brun has visited a large number of craters, in various parts of the world, and he states that his investigations have shown that there is absolutely no moisture involved in the volcanic outbursts.

"It is an utterly false idea that the steam seen at the crater comes from moisture in the volcano itself," said Doctor Brun last week. "Whatever moisture there is in the steam comes from the rain and the humidity of the earth surrounding the crater. Kilauea possesses no trace of water. I took a number of tubes of the smoke, and I did not find the slightest trace of moisture."

"It is a false idea that the volcanic outbursts are due to steam. The white smoke which you see, is absolutely dry. This fact has already been pointed out by Doctor Brigham, of Honolulu, but his theory was contradicted by Dana. Dana's theory was generally accepted, but Doctor Brigham was right. I believe that Doctor Brigham was the first to say that Kilauea is absolutely dry. I can only completely confirm his opinion. He is a very accurate observer, and Dana was not exact. The work done by Doctor Brigham was much better."

The volcanic outbursts are entirely due, I find, to gases which are combined in the lava. If you heat lava in a vacuum you receive all the gases, and upon analysis you find that the little holes in the lava are made by these gases, and not by water. If lava is heated gases are formed. Expansion follows, and this is the cause of the outbursts when the lava overflows. There is absolutely no difference between Kilauea and the rest of the volcanoes which I have seen, except that it is larger, but otherwise there is essentially no difference. I have seen five large eruptions, Kilauea being the sixth, and none of them were different from that of Kilauea."

Doctor Brun expects to publish the results of his investigations of Kilauea in the Archives des Sciences Physiques, at Geneva, one of the oldest scientific journals in the world, having been founded in 1783.

The eminent scientist had planned to take a trip to the crater of Mauna Loa, but unfortunately he was unable to make arrangements for the ascent in time to allow him to make the trip. He sailed last Friday for Maui where he will make a thorough investigation of the crater of Haleakala, which he expects to find in many respects similar to that of Tenerife, though, of course, larger. After seeing Haleakala, he will leave the Islands for the mainland, where he will visit Yosemite, and will then return to Europe, where he will finish his laboratory work on a large number of tubes containing gases obtained at Kilauea, and will then prepare his articles for publication.

## MURDER CHARGE IN INDICTMENT

Ben Kaluna Formally Accused of the Killing of Julia Kalolou.

Six indictments against five persons were returned before Judge Cooper yesterday morning by the territorial grand jury and the men indicted were all arraigned and held for trial. Among the victims of the law was one Hawaiian, a Chinese, a Japanese and two Porto Ricans.

Ben Kaluna is charged with murder in the first degree for shooting and killing Julia Kalolou on June 10. George A. Davis was appointed by the court to defend Kaluna, whose plea was deferred until August 22.

There are two indictments against Cheung Lay, the Chinese who is accused of having ravished two little girls both under the age of twelve years. The judge appointed S. F. Chillingworth to defend the man, whose plea will be made next Monday morning.

Two indictments charge Severino Cruz and Segala Pacheco with assault with a weapon obviously and imminently dangerous to life. The specifications are that the two men assaulted Manuel Lopez, Cruz using a bottle and Pacheco a knife. Attorney Straus was appointed to look out for their interests.

A charge of assault with intent to commit murder is contained in the indictment against Yokatsubo Yanagi, who is alleged to have assaulted Yutaro Nomura on July 15 with a revolver. Attorney Harrison was appointed to defend.

### A PRICELESS POSSESSION.

If the supply of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should suddenly become limited, many homes would consider a bottle of it to be a priceless possession. It is sold in almost every civilized country, and never fails to give satisfaction. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

## REV. DESHA GIVES POLITICAL TALK

He Won't Run for Office and May Retire From Politics.

HILO, August 7.—Supervisor Stephen Desha will run for no office in the coming campaign.

It is possible that he may retire from active politics altogether, limiting himself, as far as politics are concerned, to his activities as editor of the Hoku.

There has been much speculation locally as to what Desha would do. The following statement, made last Friday by the supervisor, may serve to clear up the local political situation to some extent.

"There has been some talk about my running as a candidate for the house of representatives," said Desha. "After thinking the matter over, I have decided not to be a candidate for that or any other office."

"It is possible that I may go even further than that, and that I may retire absolutely from politics."

"As far as the Prince is concerned I have always thought it my duty to help him all I can, and I will assist him in the coming campaign through the columns of the Hoku, and do all I can in that manner to help the old party."

"However, in such case I shall not take the stump, but I wish to state in this connection that my support of the party will be absolutely a support of clean politics. I shall not hesitate to attack such candidates as I consider detrimental to the best interests of public and party, even if they should secure nominations."

"According to the report, an attempt has been and is being made to oust me from the party. I wish to state that this has no connection with my determination as expressed above. In case those who oppose me in the county committee should be successful, I would appeal to the central committee in Honolulu, when a complete investigation would be sure to follow."

"I have for many years past devoted much time and energy to the support of the Republican party, and I have found it to be ungrateful work. No matter what I do, I am attacked and abused. I have made mistakes—most men make them—but I can state truthfully that I have always had the best interests of the party at heart. I am not ashamed of the part which I have taken in politics. I entered them with clean hands, and, if I leave them, I will be doing so with clean hands."

## WIRELESS PROMOTERS FACE PRISON CELLS

Officers of the Big Company Indicted in New York for Gross Fraud.

NEW YORK, August 3.—Seven officers of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, most of whom had previously been arrested, were indicted by a federal grand jury today on two counts—one charging conspiracy to defraud by the use of the United States mails, the other charging conspiracy in devising a scheme to induce investors to buy worthless stocks. Those indicted are President Christopher Columbus Wilson, Vice-President Samuel Bogar, Secretary W. F. Tompkins, Fiscal Agent George H. Parker, General Manager C. C. Galbraith, Treasurer W. A. Dibolt and Francis X. Butler, counsel and director of the company.

All except Parker were arraigned before Judge Hough in the United States district court and pleaded not guilty. Parker is understood to be on the way here from Seattle to surrender. President Wilson was held in \$20,000 bail, Tompkins and Bogar in \$10,000 each, and the others in \$5,000 each. On the first charge all were paroled for one week and on the second charge they were given two days in which to find bail.

The company has outstanding \$20,000,000 worth of common and preferred stock. The indictments give a long list of statements about this stock sent out by the management, which the indictment charged were wholly false.

## FOREST FIRES ARE THREATENING TOWNS

SPOKANE, Washington, August 13.—Forest fires are threatening to destroy many cities and towns in the northwest country. In Idaho the towns of Taft, Wallace and others are threatened with immediate destruction from the fires, which it has been found impossible to check.

Hundreds of men are out fighting the flames, but have not been able to stop their progress. Panic prevails in a score of towns which the fires threaten to reach, and the damage will be incalculable.

In Idaho, in the Coeur d'Alene region, the conditions are especially threatening. Every human effort to stop the sweep of the fires through the forests is being made. Throughout West Kentucky a British Columbia fire has been raging for weeks and many mining towns have been wiped out.

### 8679 DEAD FROM CHOLERA.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 12.—Official records show that the number of deaths from cholera during the first week in August amounted to 8679.

## BALLINGER IS GOING AT LAST

President Taft Is Making Concessions to the Insurgent Republicans.

BIG LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

Plan to Retire Ballinger and Harmonize the Republican Factions.

BEVERLY, Massachusetts, August 13.—After a political conference yesterday in which President Taft and leading members of the Republican party took part, the report became current that a realignment of the various elements of the Republican party, involving the retirement of Ballinger as a member of Taft's cabinet, was planned.

Taft was in consultation with Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, the reputed boss of the senate and principle target of the insurgents, and with Hitchcock, for some time Taft's political adviser in the cabinet. MacVeagh was the fourth member of the conference, which is said to have canvassed the national political situation, with a view to finding means of pacifying the insurgents and reuniting the Republican party.

According to reliable reports of what took place at the conference, the big leaders practically agreed upon a plan for a realignment of Republican forces, with a view of uniting the insurgents and regulars. This plan is said to involve the retirement of Ballinger by September 15. President Taft has come to realize that the conservationists and insurgents represent a force threatening Republican success if not palliated, and they are to be allowed to win their long fight against Ballinger.

Ballinger's resignation, it was said yesterday, after the conference of the big leaders, would be sent in by the middle of next month.

## COLUMBUS POLICE REFUSE TO DO DUTY

Sympathize With Strikers and Bring About Conditions of Anarchy.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 13.—The strike situation has developed a conflict of municipal authority, resulting in serious rioting. Thirty-five members of the police force failed to obey the orders of the mayor, directing them to board street cars and protect nonunion men who were handling the cars.

The police, being in sympathy with the strikers, refused to obey the mayor's orders.

The mayor announced that he would discharge all the policemen who disobeyed. As a result of the efforts to run street cars and the refusal of the police to obey orders, there was rioting last night, and several persons were shot.

## TWO MORE FATAL AVIATION ACCIDENTS

CHARLOTTE, August 12.—Lesnym, the aviator, fell a hundred feet from his machine while experimenting here yesterday, and was fatally injured.

NEW YORK, August 13.—Benny Prinz, the balloonist, lost his life yesterday, falling to earth from an altitude of two thousand feet. He attempted to descend by means of a parachute, but the apparatus failed to open, and he tumbled to the ground, being instantly killed.

### PRETENDER'S MANIFESTO.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, August 12.—Don Jamie, the pretender to the throne, has issued a manifesto in behalf of the Carlists. He declares that they will oppose radicalism, but will not use violence in gaining their ends.

### EARTHQUAKE RECORDED.

WASHINGTON, August 13.—The seismograph here yesterday recorded a severe earthquake as having occurred at some place 2100 miles distant.

### RIOTS IN SPAIN.

MADRID, August 13.—Striking miners in Bilbao are resorting to violence. The government has mobilized artillery and is preparing to force them into submission.

## JAPAN SUFFERS A GREAT DISASTER

TOKIO, August 12.—Disastrous floods are sweeping this section of the country, carrying great loss of life and property in their wake.

Many towns have been completely wiped out. The loss of life can not be estimated, but millions of dollars' worth of property has already been destroyed. Thirty thousand houses in the city of Tokio alone are submerged.

### OHIO WON.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio, August 12.—The Ohio State rifle team won the Herlihy match in the national contest for marksmanship.